

DEPOSITORS TO GET 32 1-2 P. C. IN CASH

Newest Offer to Siegel Bank Creditors Likely To Be Accepted.

WILL NOT HAVE TO ASSIGN CLAIMS

Definite Proposition To Be Made To-morrow—Realty Men Agree to Cut Rent Charges.

After a three-hour conference yesterday between lawyers representing the various interests in the Henry Siegel enterprises it was announced that to-morrow a definite offer would be made to settle the claims of the bank depositors against the stores for \$32.50.

Harry R. Kohn, for the friends of Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel, agreed to withdraw the voluminous offer made Wednesday and submit a brief, clear-cut statement, leaving nothing to the imagination. Under the terms of the new offer the bank depositors will not be asked to assign their claims.

By the terms of the offer the depositors will receive 32 1/2 cents in a few days, and notes, as previously stated, for the balance. The approval of the offer by the court will mean that Henry Siegel will cease to act as receiver and the bank of Henry Siegel & Co. will pass out of existence.

A similar offer on the part of the friends of Siegel and Vogel to the mercantile creditors is expected to follow the acceptance of the offer to the bank depositors. Necessarily the offer to the mercantile creditors will be much less favorable than to the bank depositors; how much less it is not known.

It is definitely stated, however, that it will not contemplate the payment of 100 per cent, either in cash or notes. The real estate owners interested in the stores have, according to one of the lawyers, seen a great light and agreed to substantial reductions in rent.

By the terms of the new leases they are expected to sign they, in effect, become partners in the stores, their rent to be a percentage of the gross earnings of the several concerns.

Depositors in the bank who met yesterday in the left building No. 45 West 13th street were inclined to await the examination of Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel before a commissioner Wednesday. In consequence of this feeling on the part of depositors and a desire to see what C. Holt might bring forth, replies to the postal card canvass of the counsel for the depositors came in slowly yesterday, though the majority of those received favored a cash settlement now rather than a lot of litigation, with a certainty of getting less when the courts should have passed upon the last question in issue.

13. GETS LICENSE TO WED Girl Sets Record for Youthful Applicants at City Hall.

City Clerk Scully issued a marriage license yesterday to the youngest applicant since the law went into effect. She was Mary A. Raviolo, thirteen years and two months old, living at No. 300 Morris avenue, Long Branch, N. J.

She was accompanied by Joseph Rubino, twenty-one years old, of No. 217 Bleecker street, this city, whom she is to marry next Tuesday at the Church of Our Lady of Pompeii, in Bleecker street. The young bride-to-be had the written consent of her parents, attested by a commissioner of deeds of Long Branch and the County Clerk of Monmouth County, N. J.

For a moment the City Clerk hesitated to grant the license. He telephoned David S. Garland, Assistant Corporation Counsel, and explained the circumstances. Mr. Garland told Mr. Scully that there was nothing for him to do but to issue the license.

The bridegroom-to-be signed the application with his mark, being unable to write.

PAYS \$925 FOR OLD VASE

T. D. Benton the Highest Bidder for Chinese Porcelains.

A superb coral red Gallipoli of the Kang-Hsi period brought the top price—\$925—yesterday at the last session but one of the sale of the old Chinese porcelains collected by S. S. Carvalho. T. D. Benton was the buyer. He gave \$700 for a globular-shaped apple green bottle of the same period. Otto Bernet, as agent, gave \$500 each for a pair of three-lobed jars, consisting of an imperial yellow, and aubergine and a cucumber green jar, all of the Kang-Hsi period. He also gave \$200 for a writer's peachbloom water receptacle, with a silver cover of clear, resonant porcelain.

Gior, of London, obtained for \$270 a globular mirror black bottle, and for \$310 a Lang-Yao inverted pear-shaped vase, and he paid \$210 for a similar one, both coated with sang de boeuf glaze of dark red tone, both being of the Kang-Hsi period. Mrs. C. W. Wilson gave \$20 for a tall purple blue vase. The other buyers included Jacob Ruppert, Jr., Mrs. George H. Pearson, Edward Goetz and Miss R. H. Lorenz.

The total of the session was \$14,223 and of the sale to date \$129,107. The sale will conclude to-morrow afternoon.

It is a noteworthy feat for any American magazine to secure a short story from the pen of the gifted English-woman, Claude Grayes, known to thousands of readers as Richard Dehan, her pen name. And so, when The New-York Tribune Sunday Magazine editors are able to announce that they have obtained exclusive American serial rights to three stories by this author, our readers will understand the treat that is in store for them.

The first story will appear on March 8, bearing the title, "The Coast of Wings." It is a remarkable story, consisting almost entirely of a little scene between a famous aviator and his wife. He has been achieving record on record, and promised to become the world's greatest. The poor woman's existence had become one of mortal terror; for every time he went aloft she expected to see him fall to his death. He had frequently promised her to quit, but could not resist the temptation—till at last she reached the breaking point, and gave him his alternative. No, it wasn't what the reader now suspects; for Richard Dehan is never commonplace. The climax would never be suspected.

LITTLE GIRL, ONCE A CRIPPLE, HEADS HIPPODROME BOX PARTY

Helen Scott, of Jamaica, Who Threw Her Crutches Away, Makes Young Friends Happy by Taking Them with Her to the Big Show.

Just suppose for a minute that you were a little girl who had been a helpless invalid for two years, and woke up one morning to find that you were perfectly well and able to run and play and go to school just like other little girls. Wouldn't you be happy?

Helen Scott was, too. She is the little girl who woke up on Christmas morning in her home in Jamaica, Long Island, and found that she was able to hop out of bed, throw away her crutches, and be just like other little girls ever after. She has been so happy and so grateful that ever since she has been doing little kindnesses for her playmates and the children in the neighborhood.

One of these deeds of gratitude came to light yesterday, when a Tribune reporter saw the cripple who was racing ahead of a happy party of six children into a box at the Hippodrome. Then it came out reluctantly, however, for Helen doesn't like to "get into the papers," that she had never been to the theatre in her life, and just couldn't bear to enjoy the wonderful experience without taking her two little friends who had been "very, very sick once, too," and "never had a chance to go to the theatre."

Helen's mother and sister, Mrs. James A. Scott and Miss Bessie L. Scott, acted as a restraining influence on the party when the excited shrieks over the stage wonders grew too loud. They couldn't conceal their pride, however, in the merry little youngster who hopped about in her chair and pointed out to her friends each new "stunt" or number that attracted her.

After the horrible disappointment of seeing the final curtain shut out the newly discovered wonderland, the party raced through the dusky streets to the subway talking like mad and rehearsing every bit of the performance over and over again.

Dr. John R. Fitzgerald, the house physician of the Hippodrome, couldn't tear himself away from watching the party while it was in the box. He said later that the paralysis was probably caused primarily, by the formation of a blood clot on the brain, which was dissipated or removed by the extra blood pressure caused by excitement.



HELEN SCOTT.

TO SEEK FITNESS OF JOBLESS FOR JOBS

Commissioner Kingsbury Will Examine City Dependents at Charities Pier.

Recognizing that good manners, athletic ability or wit is indispensable to qualify a man for any walk of life, the Department of Charities will undertake to-morrow the task of investigating the physical, mental and social condition of the unemployed to ascertain the eligibility of each applicant to the great army.

John A. Kingsbury, Commissioner of Charities, at the American Association for Labor Legislation luncheon at the City Club yesterday, announced that examination of the unemployed would begin at 6:30 to-morrow afternoon. About 150 or 200 will be sized up each night until the two thousand who have been under the city's care since November 1 have been inspected. Dr. James Alexander Miller will make the physical examinations, Dr. Max G. Schlapp, of the Clearing House for Mental Deficients, the mental examinations, and William A. Whiting, of the Charities Department, with C. K. Blatchley, of the Charity Organization Society, will look up their records and family responsibilities.

Mr. Kingsbury said there had been fewer dependent on the city during the last three weeks, due to the large number of men who have been temporarily at work on snow removal. Mr. Kingsbury resented the Tribune cartoon, "Wreckage Pier." He said the pier was furnished with comfortable cots; yet this was his description of conditions at the time of overflow: "Men were packed like hogs in the boats, stations and prison rooms, fighting like dogs for an inch of space, until I had to call the police to protect those on the floors of these places."

Professor Charles R. Henderson read this resolution summarizing the work done in the last two days by the conference on unemployed: "Resolved, That this conference urge the establishment in the federal Department of Labor of a bureau of distribution, with power to establish employment exchanges throughout the country, to supplement the work now being done by state and municipal bureaus, to act as a clearing house of information and to further the distribution of labor throughout the country, provided nothing shall be done to interfere with the present standards of the American workman."

"That we also urge upon the legislatures of the various states the establishment or reconstruction of free state employment agencies conforming in essential principles."

"We recommend that private employment agencies be brought under the control of the federal government."

NEGRO MAID SAVES MANY, THEN DROPS

Awakens Tenants in Gas-Filled House Before She Falls Unconscious Herself.

A broken gas main endangered the lives of ten persons yesterday morning and caused hours of alarm at No. 38 St. Nicholas avenue before the Consolidated Gas Company repaired it. The break was due to the frost.

When the house began to fill with gas over night Mrs. Stella McGee plugged up a place in a wall through which the gas was issuing. About midnight the plugging gave way, but was again made good, and eventually the inmates of the house vented a negro maid, on guard.

DEATH WATCH SET FOR MRS. BUFFUM

Woman Condemned to Electric Chair Breaks Down Once in Auburn Prison.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Auburn, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Only when locked in the cell to-night, where she will remain until she goes over to meet death in the electric chair across the prison yard, did Mrs. Cynthia Buffum's iron will that she has maintained from the day she was first accused of the murder of her husband and children, give way, and she wept. In the wearisome all day journey from Little Valley to Auburn she made no reference to her trial, but at times commented on the curiosity of people who struggled to catch a glimpse of her. A death watch was installed to-night in the women's prison.

Reaching here unshackled and not unlike scores of other passengers that got off the train, she passed unnoticed through a big crowd until she entered the carriage of Charles F. Rattigan, warden, with Mrs. Elizabeth Clancy, matron of the Little Valley jail, and Sheriff Dempsey. They drove to the women's prison, where another crowd was held back by guards, and lugging a sack of oranges as her only article of luggage, she walked unflinchingly into the prison hall.

"Won't you take a seat," said Rattigan, motioning to Mrs. Daly's great office chair. Mrs. Buffum sank into the seat, while the death warrant and commitment were scrutinized by the warden. She was then introduced to the guards, who will have charge of her.

"Goodbye," said Sheriff Dempsey. Mrs. Buffum responded mechanically, and turned her head away. Mrs. Clancy, with more feeling, took her hand and whispered a few words of encouragement, finally saying: "Goodbye, Cynthia. Tears then welled forth copiously and the woman in the room hastened to comfort her.

"There, now, be a brave girl; we have lots of hope here there is still a chance. Cheer up and don't make yourself sick," begged Mrs. Daly in a motherly way, patting the woman whose sturdy frame was now quivering with emotion. She made no response, but continued to weep.

She was taken upstairs to cell No. 11, the one that had been occupied by Mary Farmer, who slew her neighbor with an axe and hid the body four years ago. In the alcove near this cell she was bathed and was then taken into the cell where she will be confined until the night before her execution when she will be transferred to the row of the condemned, next to the chamber. She will be the second woman to be executed in Auburn.

GAS AND MATCH EFFECTIVE

Two in Hospital, Flat Wrecked, Police and Firemen Angry.

Samuel Silverman started a panic in the Russian colony in the tenement block at No. 271 to 279 Second avenue yesterday when he hunted a gas leak with a lighted match and found it. His discovery put him in the Sydenham Hospital, sent Mrs. Jessie Sausman, landlady of the block, to the Harlem Hospital; caused two men to suffer severe scalp wounds from falling plaster, wrecked a flat and called out the Fire Department and the police reserve.

Silverman got home and found his wife absent. He detected the odor of gas and notified Mrs. Sausman. She did not believe that it was gas, and Silverman struck a match. When they were revived they explained that it was not a bomb, but gas, that started the trouble. Every flat in the block suffered some damage, and that of Silverman was wrecked. Amoskey Oleyther, a printer, and Michael Schultz, a blacksmith, sustained wounds on the head when their ceilings fell.

KOEHLER IMMORAL, WITNESS TESTIFIES

Former Canteen Sergeant on Stand at Fort Terry Court Martial.

HEARING IS SECRET IN SPITE OF ORDER

Judges Induce Secretary of War to Give Them Discretion, and Public Is Excluded.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.) New London, Conn., Feb. 28.—James Ward, of Baltimore, a former canteen sergeant at Fort Terry, was the star witness against Major Koehler to-day. When he reached New London this evening on his way to New York he was asked to discuss the trial.

"I cannot tell what I testified to," he said, "but I will say I was kept on the stand three hours and was put through a severe cross-examination."

The testimony against Koehler was very damaging, he said. Ward said he left Fort Terry a year ago, and although he would not admit he was an enemy of Koehler he said he was by no means his friend. He added that he testified against Major Koehler at his own volition, having been interested in the case by Lieutenant Charles Frick, of the Fort Terry garrison, who is the principal witness against Koehler. Ward is no longer in the army.

"Did you testify from your own knowledge as to immoral acts performed by Major Koehler?" Ward was asked. "Of course," was the reply. While civilians are not permitted to visit Fort Terry, it became known to-day that two citizens of the town who went to the island early in the week have not been seen here since. Both are photographers who have done much work at the fort. Two other residents of the town, who refused when ordered to testify, went to the island to-day after being threatened with arrest.

After a delay of twenty-four hours, during which the army men used every effort to have the proceedings kept secret, as on the first day of the trial, the case was resumed to-day behind closed doors.

Thursday night an order from Secretary Garrison, of the War Department, was the occasion for deep chagrin and embarrassment to several officers at Fort Terry, of which post Major Koehler is an officer. Believing that great harm would be done by secrecy, the Secretary ordered Koehler's trial open to the public. The members of the court, believing, perhaps, that for the good of the army the scandal of the garrison should not reach the outside world, decided to question the order.

Several messages, it is known, passed yesterday between Fort Terry, Governor's Island and the War Department at Washington. Although the order of Secretary Garrison stood, Colonel John D. Barrette, commander of the post, as well as a member of the court, refused to permit newspaper men at the fort. He took advantage of the technicality, declaring over the telephone that while the court was opened he could not allow newspaper men on the transports or the island.

When the court martial appealed to the War Department to rescind the order for the open trial it received an answer from Secretary Garrison in which he recalled the command, leaving to the discretion of the court, whether or not the trial should be public. At the same time, however, he expressed his wish that the public should be admitted.

"Unless the administration of justice will be furthered by the exclusion of spectators, the court martial should be public," was his reply to the message.

CAFE DE PARIS SCHEDULES

Liabilities \$266,038 and Assets of \$439,242 Reported.

Schedules in bankruptcy of the Café de Paris, Broadway and 42d street, show liabilities of \$266,038. Of this \$5,759 is for wages and \$126,834 is secured.

The assets are \$439,242, consisting of furniture and fixtures, \$572,451; supplies, \$22,505; cash, \$5,216; in bank, \$5,441; accounts, \$21,101; notes, \$1,259; liquor license, \$500; and unexpired insurance policies, \$10,765.

Among the creditors are Ernest Scofield, assignee, \$156,834, secured by two chattel mortgages; the Henry Philip estate, \$47,790; Frank Du Bois, \$11,194; the United Electric Light and Power Company, \$3,102; Stern Brothers, \$2,900; H. Heinenman Brothers, \$2,408; Anthony Oechs, \$2,155; A. Silz, \$2,402; R. L. Titus, \$2,267; Blackfords, \$2,211; Beakes Dairy Company, \$1,931; Francis Draz & Co., \$1,800; Dards, \$1,752; the M. Appel Company, \$1,752; and the Mumm Champagne Company, \$1,617.

Among the debtors mentioned are Baron L. H. de Le Erpe, \$180; S. R. Elkins, \$28; Colonel J. P. Grant, \$11; William K. Vanderbilt, \$18; John Wanamaker, Jr., of Philadelphia, \$585; William Rhinelanders Stewart, \$10; and J. H. Vendig, \$27.

NO LICENSE: IS ARRESTED

Ex-Waiter Advertised He Would Get Jobs for the Jobless.

The ingenious scheme of Alfred Rieswold, an ex-waiter, of No. 267 West street, to benefit Canada by a flood of waiters and cooks, and, incidentally, to benefit himself, came to an untimely end before Rieswold had taken in more than \$20.

STERN BROTHERS

Forty-second and Forty-third Streets, West of Fifth Avenue

MAILLARD'S Luncheon and Tea Room on the Fifth Floor

The Annual March Sale of China, Glassware and Art Objects

Begins To-morrow (Monday) on the Fourth Floor, offering the finest productions of the world's most celebrated potteries, and workers in Glass, Marble and Bronze,

At Extraordinary Concessions from Regular Prices

The unusually large assortments of China, include open stock patterns, as well as the entire stock of

Rich English China, from Minton, Hammersley, Wedgwood, Doulton, Foley and Crown Sutherland Potteries; also Ginori, Limoges, Dresden, Bavarian, Carlsbad and Russian China Plates, Tea and Bouillon Cups and Saucers; also Richly Decorated Glassware, English and Swedish Rock Crystal and Cut Glass.

Exceptionally Artistic Bronze and Marble Statuettes, Busts, Groups, Porcelain Vases, Dutch Silver, Limoges Enamels, Miniatures and Jewel Boxes; Electroliers, including styles for Desks, Boudoirs and Dining Rooms; Imported and Domestic Lamp and Candle Shades.

A Sale of Real and Imitation Laces

will be held Monday, on the Main Floor, comprising the most desirable styles, at the following Greatly Reduced Prices:

Margot Flouncings and Bandings, now so much in vogue. Yd. \$1.75, 2.50 to 4.25	Real Irish Crochet Edgings and Insertions, Yd. 15c, 30c, 55c to 3.00
Regular \$2.85 to 5.75 Values	Regular 25c to \$4.75 Values
Novelty Filet Flouncings, Yd. \$2.75, 3.95, 4.25	Real Filet Bandings, Edgings and Insertions, Yd. 55c, 95c, 1.95 to 4.75
Regular \$4.10 to 6.00 Values	Regular 78c to \$6.50 Values
Shadow Lace Flouncings, in white and cream, 30c, 40c, 55c to 1.95	Fancy Metal Edgings and Flouncings, in gold and silver effects, Yd. \$1.25, 1.65, 1.95 to 4.75
Regular 55c to \$2.65 Values	Regular \$1.95 to 5.75 Values

Spring Dress Goods—On the Second Floor

From the leading European manufacturers, in many new weaves of Wool and Silk-and-Wool, which will be shown To-morrow, including

Golfine, Crepes and Poplins, in plain and moire effects; Crepe Gabardines, Faille and Poplins; also the fashionable Flannel Cloth so highly favored in Paris.

Also arranged for To-morrow, the following Special Offering of

4800 Yards of Imported Gabardines, 50 inches wide, in all the new Paris colors, together with cream, navy and black. Actual Value \$2.75 Yd. \$1.85

2250 Yards of Silk-and-Wool Poplins, in a wide selection of street and evening shades, also cream and black. Special at Yd. 1.10

Upholstery Departments—On the Fourth Floor

Spring importations of Cretonnes, Printed Linens and Curtain Materials, in exclusive designs and colorings; Sunfast Fabrics in Armure and transparent effects; Colored Organdie and Madras for Casement hangings; Block Printed Spreads and Table Covers in artistic color combinations.

For To-morrow, there will be placed on sale

560 Pairs Dainty Scrim Curtains, lace trimmed, 2 1/2 yards long. Pair 85c, 1.10 Actual Values \$1.25 and 1.50 Pair 75c

1250 Bandanna Lounging Cushions, a novelty for College quarters, Living Room, Etc. Value \$3.50 Each, at \$2.25

CHINESE BABY, IF NOT \$2,000, WELL WORTH ORANGE TO MIND

Oriental Mother Leaves Child with Matron of Pennsylvania Station and Is Absent Long—Then, Bag and Bank Roll Also Restored, She Gives a Tangerine.

If ever a Chinese baby is mentioned to find the room again, and were wild with agony lest they had lost the baby.

In her excitement, the mother hurried away, leaving her handbag. When Miss Meunier had a little recovered from the reaction of her relieved anxiety, she saw the bag, and found from Chinese letters in it, whose it was.

She also found the bank roll. She thumbed over \$100 bills. She came to yellowbacks marked \$20. Her head swam, and she could count no further. She rushed down to the train, found the Chinese baby's mother and handed over the bag and the big roll.

The Chinese woman, in her great gratitude, rewarded Miss Meunier. She handed to her a tangerine orange.

LILLIAN RUSSELL SAILS

With Editor-Husband, Singer Is on Caribbean Trip.

Miss Lillian Russell, actress, singer and lecturer, who several years ago became the wife of A. P. Moore, owner of "The Pittsburgh Leader," sailed with Mr. Moore yesterday by the United Fruit ship Calamarens on a trip to the Caribbean.

"This, of course, is your real honeymoon trip, is it not?" asked a reporter. The former prima donna of comic opera uttered a merry laugh and replied: "You may be contemplating yours, my son, but this certainly is not mine."

Mrs. Moore said she approved of high shoes and low cut gowns, both being conducive to good health, she said. Also on board the Calamarens was Señor Leguia, President-elect of Peru, and Jacob H. Schiff, the banker.

LEAPS TO TRACK WITH BABE

Mother Carries Child to Death in Front of Train.

North Attleboro, Mass., Feb. 28.—Holding her five-months-old baby in her arms, Mrs. Ralph Dinsmore jumped from an overhead bridge in the path of a passenger train to-day. The child was killed instantly and the mother was fatally injured.

Mrs. Dinsmore is twenty-three years old. She had been dependent. An unadvised note found in her clothing read: "No one will understand why I want to die. Forgive me, father and mother. I love you."

ROUND UP COCAINE GANG

Police Arrest "Smokey Butts." Who Has Drug on Person.

After making an arrest last night the police of the 5th street station said they had rounded up the gang which had been selling cocaine on the lower East Side.

The man arrested is Joseph Robinson, alias "Smokey Butts," recently out of jail in which he has lived for twelve years of his life of twenty-seven years.

He was arrested at No. 62 1/2 Church street by Detective Whitman, of Inspector Daly's staff. Robinson had a bottle containing \$150 worth of cocaine. Robinson says he has been living at No. 27 Cooper Square. He has long been a habitue of the "Tub of Blood," a saloon at the Bowery and 2d street.

Robinson was one of a trio of cocaine vendors, the police say. Willie Wolf was arrested at the Church street address a week ago and sentenced to six months. Mamie Higgins, same address, got six days for selling drugs shortly afterward.

Plans Y.W.C.A. Bronx Building

Mrs. Douglas Mathewson, wife of the Borough President of the Bronx, will hold a meeting at her home, No. 324 Creston avenue, Bedford Park, on March 28, to discuss plans for a building for the Young Women's Christian Association in the Bronx. This proposition has the approval of the metropolitan board of the Young Women's Christian Association and the Young Men's Christian Association.

Cigarettes Lead to Suicide.

That the cigarette habit had driven him to commit suicide was the word left by Samuel A. Crane, Jr., who was found dead in his room, at No. 28 North 13th street, Newark, yesterday. Crane was twenty-one years old. He had turned on the gas.

He left a note saying that he was driven to suicide by his inability to free himself of the cigarette habit.